



The Fusilier

The Official Newsletter of the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

February 2016

Gentlemen,

It will soon be time to leave the comforts of garrison behind, taking up the musket and sword for King and Country. Now is the time to sew, paint and polish to ensure your kit is ready for the campaign season.

Here are a couple of key topics for your attention:

- 1) **Saturday, February 20, Princeton Battlefield, Princeton, NJ**—This is NOT a typical event. The Institute for Advanced Study is attempting to build faculty housing directly upon the area where Mr. Washington led the Continental counterattack. There is a news conference in an attempt to draw greater media attention to the matter and organizers requested uniformed AWI personnel to augment the conference. The time for the event is from 1:00 to 3:00. I plan on attending as a Grenadier (my officer coat is at a tailor) and Mr. Raby and possibly RSM Astle will be there as well. It's not often we're called upon to support a cause as important as this and I'm willing to drive a few hours to provide some support for the cause. If you can't make it and would like to make a donation, please go to: www.campaign1776.org.

FYI, NO cartridges, I'm not sure what to expect. The police may not find 2900 grains hanging off of your hip a laughing matter.

- 2) **Saturday, March 5-6, Dills Tavern, Dillsburg, PA**—Yes, its time for St. David's Day once more. This year it will be held in a recreated 18th Century tavern that provides

overnight accommodations (if necessary). We also have a special guest of honour, COL Nick Lock, formerly of the RWF and currently assigned as a Military Attaché to the British Embassy in Washington, DC is planning on attending. If you haven't sent your reservation in to David Leslie Hughes, please do so ASAP.

- 3) **Haversack Issue**— This issue was raised during the last command and staff teleconference. “Back in the day”, the 23rd had a seamstress who would make the haversacks for the Regiment, ensuring uniformity throughout the ranks. Unfortunately, she is no longer making haversacks for the Regiment. After consulting with our membership, the most viable and reasonable course of action is to purchase new haversacks (on an individual basis) from Roy Najecki. He has two products available: a finished one for \$45.00 and a self-assembly kit for \$15.00. For those who currently have a haversack, no changes are required until you need a new one. For those who haven't purchased a haversack, please go to: www.najecki.com for more information. The haversack marked with the “GR” is the required model.

I hope to see you all at some point and look forward to serving with you in the field. Ich Dien!

I am, Your Humble and Most Obedient Servant,

Major S.P. Reilly

HM 23rd Regiment of Foot, Royal Welch Fusiliers in
America

I. Administrative

- a. **Dues:** Yes, it's that time of year again. Please use the form at the end of the Fusilier and get your dues sent in to your company commander or a designated representative. GLICC, please send your dues into RSM Paul Astle. Need to pay to play!

II. Operations

- a. **St David's Day-** March 5-6, Dillsburg, PA—POC: Shane Reilly. We are trying something new this year and renting out an 18th Century Tavern near Carlisle. Lieut. Col. MacWilliams of HM 42nd Regiment of Foot generously offered to let us hold the dinner and stay overnight. The charge of \$50.00 for the meal and lodging is very reasonable. Hope to see you there!

- b. 2017 Schedule of Events:
- i. February 27-28: St. Kitts—POC: Ken Siegel. Ken is still looking for volunteers. It sounds like a great time at a great location. Please contact Ken ASAP if you want to go.
 - ii. March 12-13: Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC—POC: Eric Spaar. This event will involve the dedication of a monument to the Crown Forces soldiers who perished in the battle. GV Eric Spaar is the OIC for the 23rd at this event.
 - iii. April 16-17: Battle Road (Lexington and Concord, MA)—POC: Ken Siegel. This annual event is part of the Bosron area Patriots Weekend celebration. It is fought across the same terrain and features large crowds.
 - iv. April 30- May 1: Mount Vernon, VA: Located just outside of Washington DC, this event features tactical demonstrations and an encampment. Steve Raby attended last year and highly recommends it. A good turnout here, may help us build our numbers in Virginia.
 - v. July 9-10: Hubbardton, VT: For all of our members in the New England/New York region this is one event to definitely consider. Sponsored by our comrades in the 24th, this should prove to be a good event at a nice site.
 - vi. August 6-7: Old Sturbridge Village, MA—POC: Ken Siegel. OSV is a annual event at a recreated mill town. A great site for a good fight. Ken is not providing hotel rooms, but camping is available on site.
 - vii. September 17-18: Mounmouth Courthouse—This will be The Colour Event for the 2016 season and is not your normal Monmouth event. This event is based on the Battle of Brooklyn in August, 1776. It's a great site within reasonable commuting distance of the site for many of our members.
 - viii. October 1: Germantown (Philadelphia), PA—Fast, furious and firing out of the house is a brief synopsis of the fun of Germantown. An annual event that provides great exposure in the Philadelphia area is definitely not one to miss.

- ix. November 5-6: Hope Lodge, PA—Hope Lodge is a nice way to wind down the season. Laid back atmosphere and a couple of battles provide great opportunities to close out the season.

III. Quartermaster

Ordering Procedures: I received the Regimental Stores from Ron Turfitt. If you need to order anything, please make a check payable to the “Royal Welch Fusiliers in America” and mail it along with your order sheet to:

David Leslie-Hughes
P.O. Box 73
Mechanicsville, PA 18934

Once David receives your check, he will contact me regarding the order and I will mail it out. Recruits, if you have any questions regarding the uniform or purchasing items, please consult with your Company leadership.

Be advised that we are currently out of wool for Other Ranks coats and cap cords. We are in the process of ordering more wool and are looking for a new manufacturer for cap cords.

- a. Regimentally authorized tailors/seamstresses
 - i. Carl Johnson
3508 Mill Stream Place
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone: (704) 957-9108
Email: carlivar@yahoo.com
 - ii. Heather Chaffee
15010 Victory Blvd. #102
Van Nuys, Ca 91411
Phone: (201) 450-6153
Email: Heath51937@aol.com
 - iii. Steven Gardner
162 Puddin Lane
Mansfield Center, CT 06250
Phone: (860) 9428483
Email: flaming54th@att.net

A. 1764 Manual Exercise (as taken from Grenadier Coy NCO Manual)

1. Poise your Firelocks
2. Cock your Firelocks
3. Present
4. Fire
5. Half Cock your Firelocks
6. Handle your Cartridge
7. Prime
8. Shut your Pans
9. Charge with Cartridge
10. Draw your Rammers
11. Ram down your Cartridge
12. Return your Rammer
13. Shoulder your Firelocks
14. Rest your Firelock
15. Order your Firelock
16. Ground your Firelocks
17. Take up your Firelocks
18. Rest your Firelocks
19. Shoulder your Firelocks

20. Secure your Firelocks
21. Shoulder your Firelocks
22. Fix your Bayonet
23. Shoulder your Firelocks
24. Present your Arms
25. To the Right Face
26. To the Right Face
27. To the Right About Face
28. To the Left Face
29. To the Left Face
30. To the Left About Face
31. Shoulder your Firelocks
32. Charge your Bayonets
33. Shoulder your Firelocks
34. Advance your Arms
35. Shoulder your Firelock

His Majesty's

23rd Regiment of Foot
Royal Welch Fusiliers in America

Reenlistment for the Conflict in America

One of His Majesty's most distinguished Regiments is offering you the opportunity to obtain honour and glory known only to the 23rd through noble service in the present conflict. The term of this contract is for one year and encompasses supporting Army and Regimental operations throughout the troublesome 13 Colonies.

Each Fusilier is expected to help fund the Regimental treasury through the payment of Regimental dues of **\$20.00**; which does not include Company Fees. An addition fee of \$25.00 is required for membership in the Brigade of the American Revolution.

Company Commanders will consolidate their Company's funds and send the requisite amount to the Regimental Adjutant **no later than 15 March**. Make the check payable to: "Royal Welch Fusiliers in America". His post is:

**Lieut. David Leslie-Hughes
P.O. Box 73
Mechanicsville, PA 18934**

Failure to pay Regimental dues will result in being dropped from the Regimental muster rolls and prohibition from Regimental activities

Cut and mail along with payment to Company Commander

Name: _____

Company: _____

Regimental Dues: \$20.00

BAR Dues (optional): \$25.00

Total Enclosed: _____

Primary Phone: _____

MailingAddress: _____

E-Mail Address: _____